

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 43 – 84, and add new claims 85 – 102 as follows.

1. – 84. (Canceled).

85. (New) A home media system comprising:

network;

acquisition storage set-top box, coupled to said network, for storing at least one digital data content object;

control/playback set-top box, coupled to said network, comprising a media playback module and a media control module, said media control module for accessing, across said network, at least one digital data content object from said acquisition storage set-top box, said media playback module comprising a decoder for decoding said digital data content object into video signals; and

display device, coupled to said control/playback set-top box, for receiving said video signals and for playing said video.

86. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said acquisition storage set-top box further for acquiring said digital data content object external to said network.

87. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said decoder comprises a MPEG decoder.

88. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said control/playback set-top box comprises a personal computer system.

89. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said playback module of said control/playback set-top box comprises a frame buffer.

90. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, further comprising a personal digital assistant ("PDA") for receiving user input to control said control/playback set-top box.

91. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, further comprising a personal computer for organizing a plurality of digital data content objects stored on said acquisition storage set-top box.

92. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, further comprising control access at said control/playback set-top box for identifying said user and for restricting access to digital data content objects based on said user.

93. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, further comprising:

digital device for accessing digital data stored on a digital medium; and

device interface, coupled to said digital device, for decoding said digital data and for transmitting said digital data on said network.

94. (New) A home media system comprising:

network;

acquisition storage set-top box, coupled to said network, for storing at least one digital data content object;

control/playback set-top box, coupled to said network, comprising a media playback module and a media control module, said media control module for accessing, across said network, at least one digital data content object from said acquisition storage set-top box, said media playback module comprising a decoder for decoding said digital data content object into audio signals; and

audio device, coupled to said control/playback set-top box, for receiving said audio signals and for playing said audio.

95. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 94, wherein said acquisition storage set-top box further for acquiring said digital data content object external to said network.

96. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 94, wherein said control/playback set-top box comprises a personal computer system.

97. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 94, further comprising a personal digital assistant ("PDA") for receiving user input to control said control/playback set-top box.

98. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 94, further comprising a personal computer for organizing a plurality of digital data content objects stored on said acquisition storage set-top box.

99. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 94, further comprising control access at said control/playback set-top box for identifying said user and for restricting access to digital data content objects based on said user.

100. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 94, further comprising:

digital device for accessing digital data stored on a digital medium; and

device interface, coupled to said digital device, for decoding said digital data and for transmitting said digital data on said network.

101. (New) A home media system comprising:

network;

control and acquisition storage set-top box, coupled to said network, for storing at least one digital data content object and for accessing, for transmission on said network, said digital data content object;

playback set-top box, coupled to said network, for receiving said digital data content object from said control and acquisition storage set-top box, said playback set-top box comprising a decoder for decoding said digital data content object into video signals; and

display device, coupled to said playback set-top box, for receiving said video signals and for playing said video.

102. (New) The home media system as set forth in claim 101, wherein said acquisition storage set-top box further for acquiring said digital data content object external to said network.